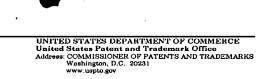


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1) 🗌	Responsive to communication(s) filed on			
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2a) 💢	This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This action is non-final.			
3) 🗌	Since this application is in condition for allowance closed in accordance with the practice under Ex pa	except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is arte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposi	tion of Claims			
4) 🗶	Claim(s) <u>58 and 60-98</u>	is/are pending in the application.		
4	la) Of the above, claim(s) <u>58</u>	is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5) 💢	Claim(s) 60-76 and 79-98	is/are allowed.		
6) 🗆	Claim(s)	is/are rejected.		
7) 💢	Claim(s) <u>77 and</u> 78			
8) 🗆		are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
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9) 🗆	The specification is objected to by the Examiner.			
10)	The drawing(s) filed on is/are objected to by the Examiner.			
11)□	The proposed drawing correction filed on			
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Priority	under 35 U.S.C. § 119			
13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).				
a) 🗆	☐ All b)☐ Some* c)☐ None of:			
	1. $\square$ Certified copies of the priority documents hav	/e been received.		
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14)	Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic	priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).		
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1) The period of suspension set in Paper Number 41 has expired and prosecution is hereby resumed.

- 2) Claims 58 and 60 to 98 are pending in the instant application. Claim 58 stands withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b) as drawn to a non-elected invention.
- 3) Any objection or rejection of record which is not expressly repeated in this action has been overcome by Applicant's response and withdrawn.
- 4) The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
  - 5) Claims 60 to 76 and 79 to 98 are allowable as written.
- 6) Claims 77 and 78 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75© as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim must depend from other claims in the alternative only. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.
- 7) Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Ulm whose telephone number is (703) 308-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached at (703) 308-6564.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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